



April

ST. John's Newsletter

Worship 9:30 am

April Birthdays

- 2- Mike Borden
- 3- William Harlan, Terry McKenzie
Jan Scheer
- 5- Naomi Johnson, Roy Pearson
- 6- Isabel Benke, Loren Howard,
Lucille Luebke, Nova Luebke
- 8- Jacob Cluver, Barb Dreyer,
Leo Prouhet, Sandy Robine
Don Sherman
- 9- John Howard Sr.
- 10- Kalene Masters
- 15- Hunter Joens
- 16- Pam Jensen
- 18- Anna Sutherland
- 19- Ian Coleman, Nick Schulze
- 21- Oliver Landwehr
- 23- Lydia Miller
- 24- Christina Benke, Holly Faerber
- 27- Ray Stark
- 28- Randy Sweet
- 29- Maryann Hoelscher
- 30- Kailyn Blechle, Tim Linke

April Anniversaries

- 5- Jon & Torre Statler (11)
- 7- Rob & Julie Schaumberg (35)

April Calendar

- 1- April Fools' Day
- 2- 10 am Prepare Easter Baskets for shutin's
5:30 pm Joy and dinner 6:30 am Worship
- 5- 6 pm Pasta night Fundraiser
- 8- Election Day
- 9- 5:30 pm Joy and dinner 6:30 pm Worship
- 10- 5:30 pm Ladies Social gathering at Frumpy Joes
- 12- Start of Passover & Pink Mircomoon
- 13- Palm Sunday
- 16- 10 am WINGS
- 17- Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Worship
- 18- Good Friday 6:30 pm Worship
- 20- Easter Sunday 6:30 & 10 am Worship
- 22- Earth Day
- 25- St. Mark, Evangelist
- 26- 8:30 am Breakfast & Bible study
- 27- Confirmation Sunday
- 28- National Arbor Day

DINE & DONATE

ENJOY A MEAL THAT'S FILLING — AND FULFILLING!



St. John's Lutheran Church
WINGS (Women in God's Service) - Fundraiser

Applebee's in Warrenton, MO
15% of Flyer Sales will be donated to WINGS.

Thursday, May 8, 2025
4PM to 8PM
Dine-In & Carry-Out
Must Present Flyer

APPLEBEE'S SERVES

LADIES - Save the Date: Mission Fair, Sunday, April 27, 12:30 – 4:00 pm – As Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. To fulfill that goal the Saint Charles Zone of Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) is hosting a Mission Fair at Child of God Lutheran Church and School in St. Peters, MO. Please join your Sisters in Christ, as we celebrate Christ's victory for us with the 25th anniversary of the mission church "Child of God". Come celebrate as we equip ourselves with the Word of God to serve the LORD with gladness in our homes, families, and congregations, in our communities, and around the world! Paper/check (\$10/person) registration is open. Electronic registration opens on 18 March. Printed registration forms are available in the Narthex.

Lent Series

April 2- Join us for the Savior, Servant, Friend special service for Week 4 of Lent, as we acknowledge that Jesus protects us from the devil and danger and keeps us safe in him. Dinner: Roasted pork loin (or another meat), stove top stuffing, mashed potatoes, and dessert.

April 9- Join us for the Savior, Servant, Friend special service for Week 5 of Lent, as we look to Jesus who comforts us in struggles and sorrows that we might find rest in his promises. Dinner: Mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread and dessert.

Palm Sunday, On the first day of Holy Week, Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey while crowds welcomed Him by waving branches and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" By saying this, the crowds are calling Jesus the Son of God. Jesus rides on a donkey, fulfilling a Jewish prophecy. This dramatic entry and growing crowds heighten the existing tensions between Jesus and the Jewish leaders.

On Monday, Jesus curses a fig tree for not bearing fruit. The curse may have been a metaphor for God's judgment on the spiritually dead religious leaders or a warning for all believers against a life that looks religious on the outside but isn't genuine on the inside. Jesus goes on to visit the main temple in the city and finds the courts full of corrupt people. He flips tables and clears out the Temple, saying, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves"

Tuesday, The religious leaders feel increasingly threatened by the way that mass crowds are recognizing Jesus as a spiritual authority and even as the Son of God. Jesus leaves the city to a place called the Mount of Olives. He delivers a famous speech called the Olivet Discourse, a prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem and the "end of the age." He speaks in parables, which are stories or metaphors that have hidden meanings. It is also believed that on Tuesday, Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples, negotiated with the Jewish leaders a price and plan to betray Jesus.

Wednesday, There are no records of what Jesus did on the Wednesday of Holy Week. It is expected that they rested after two exhausting days in Jerusalem. At this point, tensions are reaching a boiling point, where the religious leaders want to avoid causing an uproar in the city during the festival, but Jesus knows He'll be killed on Passover, taking His place as the sacrificial lamb and God's provided rescue for mankind.

Maundy Thursday, As tensions mount between Jesus and the religious leaders, Jesus and His disciples prepare to share in the Passover meal, celebrating God bringing them out of Egypt. At this dinner, Jesus washes the feet of His disciples, an act of selflessness and foreshadowing of what He would do on Friday. Jesus changes the conversation at the Passover meal, telling the disciples that He is going to suffer. He takes items from this important Jewish meal and gives them new meaning, saying of the bread, "this is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." He says of the wine, "this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." In doing this, He sets up the new Christian tradition of Communion, which is when Christians remember this Passover meal and the sacrifice Jesus made. After the meal, the group goes to a garden called Gethsemane, where His disciple Judas betrays Him, hands Him over to the Jewish leaders, and He is arrested and taken to the High Priest for trial.

Friday morning, Jesus went to trial for the accusations from the Jews. But He did not defend Himself. Instead He outrages the religious leaders by calling Himself the Son of God. Jesus was given a crown of thorns and made to carry a massive cross through the city and up the mountain called Calvary, where He was nailed to the cross alongside two criminals. Then, at the ninth hour, on the day of the most sacred Jewish festival, Jesus breathed His last breath. Friday evening, two men took the body and placed it in a tomb and rolled a stone over it.

Saturday was the Sabbath, a day when Jewish people are commanded to do no work. After the Sabbath ended at 6 p.m., people went to the tomb to do the ceremonial preparation for burial. Knowing that Jesus said He was going to rise again after 3 days, the Jewish leaders went to the Roman governors and requested that the tomb be guarded so that no one would steal the body and lie about His resurrection. The Governor put a seal on the stone and a guard at the tomb.

On Sunday, or Easter, we see the culmination of the entire week and the most important event of the Christian faith. Early Sunday morning, several women that were close to Jesus go to the tomb and find the stone rolled away and an angel who announces, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen" On Sunday, the Bible reports that Jesus appeared to at least five people. There is considerable evidence from secular scholars that many people genuinely believed that they saw the Risen Jesus.